

THE DEPARTMENT WORKERS

Interesting Gossip Gleaned Among Employees of Government Bureaus.

A GOOD JOKE ON FOUR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

An Ancient Fisherman, Whom They Tantalized, Lands Them High Upon The Shores, While He Angles and Eats and Drinks in the Stream.

A well-known Pension Office clerk tells an amusing story of a fishing expedition in which he took part last summer. The party of four department clerks hired a naphtha launch for a trip to the lower Potomac, and making St. George's Island headquarters, were in the habit of cruising around the broad expanse of water in that region. This is a favorite fishing ground for those who make a living by catching the finny tribe, and the followers of the business are usually a queer set, taciturn and crusty to the last degree.

A mile or two off the island the pleasure seekers were in the habit of running across an old salt in a dilapidated canoe busily engaged in running his trawls. Often they would try to engage this ancient mariner in conversation, but beyond a few monosyllables could get nothing out of him.

Despairing of striking up an acquaintance with him, and thinking they would have some sport, they used to cruise around his fishing ground, and call out to him in the vernacular of lower Maryland: "Say, mister, are you catching an c-a-t-s?"

Never a word in reply would they get; the fisherman absorbed in the labor of attending to lines and cutting bait seemed oblivious of their presence.

One night, the party wishing to visit the trout banks on the day following, asked the landlord of the hotel to procure for them a good guide.

Early next morning somewhat to their surprise their old acquaintance, the lone fisherman, presented himself and said he was ready to show them where they could catch "bull boatload of the durndest big-gest fish they ever seed." Striking a bargain with him a good sized basket of eatables and drinkables was placed in his "canner," and hoisting the old patched log-mutton sail he led the way down the river, followed by the party in the launch. A stiff breeze made the rickety old craft show her heels in a surprising manner, and it was up to the launch to show her speed. After a five-mile run down the river just as they were expecting to reach the fishing grounds the old man put his helm hard to port, and the launch shooting past ran "ship, long" into a mud bank. The pilot kept his course for a hundred yards then dropped anchor and proceeded to fish. It was not long before he began to haul in some extra fine trout.

The fishing party were so taken by surprise that it was some time before they realized the trick played upon them and endeavored to get the launch off the bank. In the meantime the tide had turned ebb, and the launch began to lie wearily over on its side. The rays of the sun were beating down upon the stranded fisherman, and anon the sand flies, hunger and thirst added to their misery.

In pitiful accents the guide was appealed to for succor, but he only paused long enough between the act of pulling in monster trout to ask: "Say, boys, are ye catchin' any c-a-t-s?"

Noon came, and the old man reaching down opened the provision hamper, and taking out a sandwich and cool-looking bottle of beer, said: "Here goes."

Sandwich after sandwich disappeared, each accompanied by a bottle of the amber fluid, and almost within reach sat four discomfited, starved, and seared men upon the half-overturned launch, glaring with the intensity of famished wolves. As the sun was sinking beyond the Virginia shore the old man reached into his "canner" and with a brief "Slone; hope ye'll catch some c-a-t-s," sailed away for the island. That night at high tide, by dint of wading, pulling and pushing, the launch was hauled off, and a sorry looking lot were when they sneaked into the hotel, covered with mud, and with hands and faces peeling from the effects of Old Sol's rays.

The Civil Service Commission announces that on June 3 examinations will be held for the position of assistant engineer in the United States penitentiary service, and for the positions of physician, matron, and seamstress in the Indian service.

The applicant for the position of assistant engineer must be twenty years of age or over, and the principal part of the examination will consist of practical questions bearing on his profession. From the eligible, resulting from this examination, certificates will be made to a position in the penitentiary service at Atlanta, Ga., at a salary of \$900 per annum.

The age limit for applicants who desire to minister unto the diseased red man is twenty-five to fifty-five years. From the eligibles resulting from this examination someone will be certified to look after the nervous systems and alimentary canals of Uncle Sam's wards on the White Earth Agency, in Minnesota. He will receive annual remuneration to the extent of \$500. The young lady who passes the examination for matron must have seen some twenty summers, wax and wane and die. If she gets on the eligible list she may be certified to a position as assistant matron at the Cantonment School, Oklahoma at \$400 per annum, or to the Carson School, Nevada, at \$500 per annum.

The ambitious young woman who wants to become a seamstress and teach the little Indian ideas how to build trousers and petticoats instead of the primitive breechcloths and leggings of barbarism must also be twenty years of age or over. If she passes and is certified she will go to the Shoshone School in Wyoming, where the scenery is as rugged as the foot of a much-darned stocking, and the forces of nature have torn great rents in the snowy caps of the mountains. She will draw in plenty of ozone every day and \$50 every year.

At a recent meeting of a special joint committee appointed by the stockholders of the Spanish War Veterans' Hall Association and by the District Corps of Spanish War Veterans, which committee is composed almost entirely of departmental attaches, it was decided that special arrangements should at once be made with the Lafayette Square Opera House management whereby the Bellevue stock company would soon present a military play of great popularity and cast, superior

Bears the Signature of *Charles H. Williams*

FIGHT FOR LIFE IN HELLGATE WHIRL

Three Men Rescued After They Had Given Up Hope.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Otto Merkel, of Astoria, and his son, Charles, in company with George Nappinger, were rescued from drowning yesterday afternoon in Hell Gate after they had given up hope. They were, however, brought safely to shore.

Yesterday afternoon Merkel, Nappinger, and Merkel's son went out on the East River in a small boat. When the party reached Hell Gate the boat was overturned. Merkel and his son managed to grab hold of the overturned boat, but Nappinger was not so fortunate. He was drifting slowly down stream. The accident was witnessed by the Volunteer Life Saving crew. Life Savers Crick and Maxman at once put out in a boat to go to the aid of the men struggling in the water. When they reached them all were nearly exhausted.

Maxman, seeing that delay meant death to Nappinger, did not wait to pull off any of his clothes, but jumped into the river, and, grasping the half-drowning man by the hair, held him up to the boat.

The tugboat Volunteer came up in time to save all hands.

"LONDON GLOBE" TAKES OFFENSE AT MR. SHAW

Declares Secretary's Pittsburgh Speech Poor Diplomacy.

Says America's Reception of Words Shows Decadence in America—Regards the Speech as Menace to England.

LONDON, April 28.—The "Globe" today comments in caustic terms on the speech of United States Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Shaw, at the Grant Day dinner of the American Club at Pittsburgh on Saturday night.

The portion of the speech which seems to have hurt the "Globe" most was where Mr. Shaw claimed that American wealth and American energy, plus Hawaii, the Philippines, and the isthmian canal, have transferred the sovereignty of the Pacific from the Union Jack to the Stars and Stripes.

The "Globe" says: "The American Secretary of the Treasury, whose words are supposed to carry weight, wide influence, and great authority, does not think it unworthy of his position to tickle the ears of groundlings with a speech full of menace to America's only friend among the European powers."

"We are not particularly concerned either for Mr. Shaw's threat or his crude egotism, but what does impress us with a sense of American decadence is the manner in which this absurd speech has been received."

"Where an English minister to make a similar allusion to foreign powers, and the chancelleries of Europe would be convulsed, and explanations would be immediately demanded."

"Were the power in question the United States, the American people would go frantic."

"But because it is merely an American statement, displaying his ill-breeding, England needs not a wait, and the rest of the world shrugs its shoulders and talks about short-sleeved diplomacy."

"The English think this is a dignified position for their spread-eagle statesman to have landed them in."

THREE GREAT STATES AT THE ST. LOUIS FAIR

Exhibits to Come From Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho.

ST. LOUIS, April 28.—Col. E. A. Slack, chairman of the Wyoming World's Fair Commission, accompanied by M. C. Barrow, of Douglas, Wyo., and Mr. C. H. Fisher, of Boise, Idaho, called at World's Fair headquarters yesterday.

Colonel Slack visited the fair site and staked out the location he would like to have for a State building. To Mr. Charles H. Huttig, chairman of the States and Territories committee, Mr. Slack said: "Our people up in Wyoming are in favor of making a good exhibit at the World's Fair. I think the general sentiment of the people is to have an exhibit to cost about \$50,000, of which perhaps \$15,000 could be set apart for a State building. My opinion is that the building is a necessity, and when I explain to the folks at home my reasons for this, I think they will see the matter as I do."

Mr. Fisher said the Idaho World's Fair Commission had done a great deal of preliminary work, and he was now waiting for the population from 1890 to 1900. The State is growing rapidly, and we are glad of the opportunity the World's Fair will give us to let the world know what a country we have. Idaho is a wealthy State in minerals. We have fine agricultural lands in the mountain valleys that are now being irrigated, and we produce the finest flavored fruit grown in the world."

The executive committee of the Montana World's Fair Commission arrived in St. Louis April 25. "The commission," said Governor Toole, "came to St. Louis to confer with the exposition officials regarding the Montana exhibit and to select a site for its State building. Montana expects to make a very creditable display in all departments. The commission is already at work gathering material for this exhibit."

ENGLISH GIRL WINS PING-PONG AT SEA

Miss Hughes a Victor in Week's Tournament on the Umbria.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Miss Hughes, a young English girl, who arrived here for the first time yesterday as a saloon voyager on the Cunarder Umbria, was the victor in the finals of a ping-pong tournament that lasted the entire voyage of the ship. The tournament was staged out of the mercy of the passengers formed the "Royal Umbria Ping-Pong Club."

The tournament began with twenty contestants. Miss Hughes' opponent in the final contest was Mr. C. Lord, of this city. Purser Joseph Lancaster refereed the game. He spent all his time in Liverpool learning the intricacies of ping-pong.

SEARCHING FOR ALLEGED SLAYER OF POLICE OFFICER

Town Marshal Shot to Death in Dark Alley in Secaucus, N. J.

NEW YORK, April 28.—The police of Secaucus, N. J., aided by others from Jersey City, Hoboken, and neighboring towns, were searching this morning for Herman Kunze, the slayer of Hugo's Hotel, in Secaucus, who is alleged to have shot and killed Charles Englebrecht, a marshal of the town, at 10:30 o'clock last night.

Englebrecht, it is said, was shot down on a dark, lonely road while on his way home after making an investigation in the line of his duty.

WOMEN'S WAYS IN THE OPEN CARS

The brakes of the open trolley car grated as the car drew up to the corner of Fifteenth Street and New York Avenue, and the conductor, bell strap in hand, leaned out and shouted, "All aboard." A fat, perspiring woman with three noisy youngsters began to wander up and down the outside of the car as if looking for empty seats. Seats enough were to be had, but when the woman finally dodged into one it was filled, and the only one in the car that was.

Four persons were seated on it, but the woman lifted her youngsters in one by one, pushed them ahead of her into the crowded bench, and then jammed herself in on top. In front of her three seats were empty, and in the first row all the seats excepting two were unoccupied.

"Did you ever know it to fall?" asked the conductor, sighing heavily as the stout woman proceeded to make herself and the family comfortable. "Now, she has not seen even yet that there are seats in front of her and behind her that are just praying to be sat upon. Neither would she see it if she sat there for a week."

The conductor left to collect his fares and returned presently to the rear platform. He was evidently prejudiced against the sex.

"Take a man and he will stand on a corner and as the car comes along, without any pretense of stopping, he will jump aboard and never fall to land at a seat which is empty—that is, if there is one empty. The reason is that he looks around as the seats pass him and the first one he sees he jumps into. Often, also, he walks along the runboard looking for a still more advantageous place, and rarely does a man manage to get into a seat already filled when there is a place empty elsewhere."

"Now, a woman does nine times out of ten exactly what you saw this woman do. She never looks around. She chases up and down the outside of the car as if she were hunting a bargain. She sees one seat, but she wants to see if she can find one that she likes better. When she has looked them all over she runs outside the length of the car and has another peep. By that time the conductor has yelled, 'All aboard!' half a dozen times, and she is panic-stricken and dodges into the first seat in front of her, and, of course, that is always occupied."

"The ordinary traveler doesn't notice it so much, but stand here on the end of the car for ten or more hours a day and watch them and you will begin to wonder. 'One of the other things I have often observed is the different expressions of faces which women assume upon entering a car. Some appear smiling and pleasant, as if they were about to receive guests in an afternoon at home. They generally manage to step on men's and women's feet as they pass along, and the more they step the more they smile, as if it were all a huge joke."

"Then there is the outright jovial kind, who comes in laughing heartily, though at what, heaven knows. As a rule, they bob upon the runboard with a bound, bundle into the nearest seat and jounce to settle themselves securely. Then they smooth out their skirts and laugh at the person opposite, though I'll eat my cap if they know they are laughing, or if they intend to laugh at all."

"There are dozens of other kinds who come into the cars—regular types, each with distinctive characteristics. But notice some day how few of them get in with a sensible manner." And the conductor, with a grievance against the sex, rang up another fare on the dial and then went to collect the nickel.

TO CONSIDER CASE OF REV. FATHER CROWLEY

Cardinal Gibbons to Arrive in Chicago Tomorrow.

At the Same Time Twenty Bishops and Archbishops Will Assemble in That City.

CHICAGO, April 28.—Cardinal Gibbons will, it is said, be in Chicago tomorrow. At about the same time twenty archbishops and bishops will arrive in the city from different parts of the country.

A secret ecclesiastical conference is to be held, and it is generally thought that the controversy between the local church authorities and the Rev. Jeremiah W. Crowley is to be considered.

Father Crowley, meantime is preparing his lecture on the controversy, which is to be given under the auspices of the Catholic Laymen's Association at McVick's Theater Sunday afternoon, May 18.

LAD FATALLY HURT ON A STOLEN RIDE

Thrown Under Wheels While Hanging to Street Car Platform.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Six-year-old Frank Lorenzo, of No. 307 Seventh Avenue, is lying in New York Hospital from injuries received while stealing a ride on a car.

With several companions the lad was jumping on the platform when the horses started at a trot. He was thrown under the wheels. A policeman picked him up, when the parents rushed up and tried to take the child by force.

Both the lad's legs were crushed. The driver, William Law, was arrested.

ASKED FOR AID AND IS SENT TO ASYLUM

New York Police Take Handsome Mendicant Into Custody.

NEW YORK, April 28.—A handsome woman, tall and well-dressed, entered the West Twenty-seventh Street police station yesterday, and said she had lost her pocketbook. She said she had no home, no friends, and no money. All she wanted, however, she said, was to be taken care of and given protection.

Sergeant Tierney thought her demeanor suspicious, and turned her over to the matron. Mr. Charles Carleton, who came to the station, said the woman was Esther Lorinda, who had come to this city from Gutteridge, N. J., where he knew her parents.

Dr. Russell, of Roosevelt Hospital, and Dr. Hollins made an examination of her at the station, and decided that she should be sent to Bellevue for examination. She was sent there.

ROWLEY TO BRING SUIT AGAINST MISS ELLEN STONE

Will Ask Court to Award Him \$35,000 Damages.

BOSTON, April 28.—Although the petition for an injunction restraining Miss Ellen M. Stone, the missionary, from lecturing under the management of James B. Pond has been dismissed, the end of the controversy has apparently not been reached.

Clarence W. Rowley, counsel for the American lecturing direction, says that he intends to bring action for breach of contract against Miss Stone.

His present expectation is that suit will be brought this week. The suit will probably be for \$35,000.

Steamers Collide at Port Said.

PORT SAID, April 28.—The British steamer Australia, from Clyde for Bombay, and the German steamer Oldenburg, from London for Port Said, collided in the harbor here today. Both steamers were slightly damaged.

De Reszke Reaches England. PLYMOUTH, England, April 28.—Eduard De Reszke, the distinguished opera singer, arrived here aboard the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse from New York today.

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THE PLAYER FOLK.

It is a singular fact that in every age there are some long-haired literateurs who are everlastingly whining that the "stage is degenerating."

The hirsute gentlemen of the coming generation will applaud what is best in this age, and be unable to see anything good in their own time. The idea is that the endless chain of malcontents is kept up through the ages.

The cry nowadays is that "Commercialism is devastating the drama," and this despite the fact that the productions are far ahead of anything known in the history of the stage, while plays were never before so artistically presented.

When a manager, for purely artistic reasons, will devote a good part of a season's profits toward making a production of a classic drama, and when it is not possible that the venture will pay for itself in the number of times seen by the public, it would appear that we are not so badly off as the long-haired contingent would have it appear.

Notwithstanding the fact that Viola Allen is to be seen in Knowles' old comedy, "The Hunchback," but a few times this spring, her managers are said to have provided her with a very handsome production both as to scenery, costumes, and properties. Ordinarily a manager never goes into a production of this quality unless he has at least the opportunity of a season's use of the same. Messrs. Liebler & Co. have made a good name for themselves in consequence of their excellent taste in providing suitable stage settings for such plays as have gone forth under their name. Miss Allen has been provided with a supporting company of very fine quality for this tour of the Knowles' drama. She will appear here at the National Theater for one night, May 26.

Miss Helen Ware, of Harry Corson Clarke's company, which will give "What Happened to Jones" at the Columbia this week, was a member of Blanche Bates' organization earlier in the season, and when illness confined Miss Bates to her hotel, and later on sent her to a hospital, Miss Ware played Cigarette in "Under Two Flags" during the Detroit engagement.

The papers all gave her a good deal of praise for her interpretation of the heroine of Paul Potter's stage version of Ouida's novel.

In "What Happened to Jones" Miss Ware plays an important comedy role.

The new lessees of the Lafayette Square Theater, Messrs. Kernan and Stair, have not yet announced the policy of the house under their management.

It is probable, however, that it will play the same line of attractions as are given at the Auditorium Theater, Baltimore, and the better class of the companies visiting the Academy of Music, this city. There is hardly any chance that Mrs. Fliske, Miss Crossman, or any of the other attractions that are known as anti-syndicate, will be seen at the Lafayette, as E. D. Stair, who will have charge of the bookings, has too intimate with the members of the syndicate force to favor the avowed enemies of the managerial combine.

Neither is it at all probable that the Lafayette will be tenanted by a stock company, as none of the Kernan-Stair combination have ever had anything to do with such organizations.

The better class of popular priced musical comedies, big melodramas, and stars who are not considered strong enough to be booked at the National or Columbia will doubtless be seen at the Lafayette next season.

The Bellows stock company will once more play through the summer months at Ellic's Garden, Denver.

There has been no announcement made as to the closing of the local stock season, but there is hardly any possibility that Mr. Bellows will keep his company here much later than he did last season, when the stock players departed for Denver about the end of April.

Peter F. Dalley and Della Fox are talked of as joint stars in a new musical comedy for next season. Dalley has been playing in vaudeville since the failure of his "Champagne Charlie" and Miss Fox has been visiting the one night stands with a company called "The Little Mam'elles."

Padarewski will sail for Europe Wednesday. He may not return to this country for several years, although the season just closed has been the most successful he has ever enjoyed here.

Louis Mann has reconsidered his determination to play Skylock and may appear in a Hebrew play in opposition to David Warfield next season.

Alice Archer, who succeeded to the star part in "Jess of the Bar," with Belle Archer died, will be a co-star with George H. Summers in a comedy called "A Hot Scotch Major" next season.

Miss Archer is easily identified, but Mr. Summers is an unknown Thespian so far as Washington theatergoers are concerned.

Mary Shaw, a most capable and experienced actress, will succeed Percy Haswell as the leading woman in the stock company at Chase's Theater, Baltimore, next season.

Mr. Fawcett, Miss Haswell's husband, who will be at the head of a stock company next year, announces that Miss Shaw will confine herself to the leading heavy parts, and that another leading lady will attend to the chief comedy roles.

Four other leopards had been separated from the new one by means of wooden partition placed in the cage.

They tore it down and a terrible fight ensued.

The four of the attacking party bit the new leopard's throat through, and drank its blood.

Two others were badly injured.

Street Duel in Muncie, Ind. MUNCIE, Ind., April 28.—J. L. Tartar was shot fatally and Harry Kern was wounded slightly in a pistol duel at Whiteley, a suburb of the city, last evening. The fight was the result of a quarrel which had been started previously in a gambling house.

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